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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: OCTOBER 2005—NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT
AWARENESS MONTH

The purpose of this information bulletin is to announce the 60th year that Congress has established October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. To highlight the potential of people with disabilities and their contribution to a diverse workforce, the Employment Development Department (EDD) has launched a Web-based campaign to observe National Disability Employment Awareness Month. This campaign will attract employers and enlighten them to the benefits of training, retaining, and hiring people with disabilities.

During the month of October, local workforce investment areas are encouraged to remind employers and the public that people with disabilities possess many skills and abilities that organizations are looking for, including the benefits of employing people with disabilities.

Information on the Web campaign is available on the EDD's Web site at www.edd.ca.gov. There you will find resources to assist both job seekers with disabilities and employers with hiring needs. The site includes:

- Downloadable brochures and posters that you are encouraged to display.
- Services and resource information.
- Commonly asked questions and misconceptions regarding the hiring people with disabilities.
- Quotes and stories from employers that have hired people with disabilities.
- Articles about successful people who have disabilities.
- A viewable Web file: "A Day in the Life of Richard Devylder."

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